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SUBJECT: OPRED - AGRICULTURE/APHIS PROPOSAL FOR ASSISTING
IN ERADICATION OF HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE IN CHOCO
DISTRICT OF COLOMBIA

1. AS ADDRESSEE POST ARE PROBABLY AWARE, THE TERMS OF THE
COOPERATIVE US-COLOMBIAN AGREEMENT, EFFECTIVE 12/17/73, CALL
FOR THE CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF THE FOOT AND MOUTH
DISEASE IN THE CHOCO AREA OF COLOMBIA AND THE PREVENTION OF
THE DISSEMINATION OF THIS DISEASE FROM COLOMBIA AS A RESULT
OF THE DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY. IN PARTIAL FULFILLMENT OF US
COMMITMENTS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE PROPOSE TO
ESTABLISH FIVE US POSITIONS - ONE VETERINARIAN (SENIOR
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TECHNICAL ADVISOR) AND ONE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN BOGOTA,

AND THREE VETERINARIANS IN THE PROGRAM AREA OF COLOMBIA
ADJACENT TO THE PANAMANIAN BORDER.

2. TO COMPLEMENT THE COLOMBIAN AGREEMENT, A SIMILAR AGREEMENT IS BEING MADE WITH PANAMA TO ESTABLISH A JOINT COMMISSION IN THE DARIEN AREA ADJACENT TO THE COLOMBIAN BORDER. AGRICULTURE PROPOSES TO ASSIGN ONE APHIS VETERINARIAN TO THIS COMMISSION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENTS OF CHIEF OF MISSION ON THE

AGRICULTURE PROPOSALS, INCLUDING IMPACT ON ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES OF MISSIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, AGRICULTURE/APHIS ASSURES US THAT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT NEEDS OF VETERINARIANS IN THE FIELD WILL BE MINIMAL. KISSINGER

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